

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 20 as follows. Attached is a marked-up copy showing changes to the claims.

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20. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a preliminary member of an optical device component with optical fiber as set forth in Claim 19, where the adhesive heap is supported by a transparent member, and wherein the optical fiber is inserted into the inner hole of the long capillary tube while observing the optical fiber.

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 1-4, 6-23 and 25-31 are rejected. Claims 5, 24 and 32 are objected to. Claim 20 is amended to correct a mere informality. The specification is also amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the application, for instance at page 46 of the specification and in the claims as originally filed. No new matter is added. Claims 1-32 are therefore submitted for further consideration at this time. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections and objections.